

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A table cover for covering a tabletop of pre-determined size and having a top surface and a plurality of sides, the table cover comprising:

a top cover formed of a polymeric film for covering the top surface of the tabletop, the top cover having a generally polygonal contour with a plurality of sides at its outer periphery thereof;

a plurality of side drops formed of the polymeric film, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the sides of the top cover and being folded generally orthogonal to the top cover to extend downwardly to a free edge;

a plurality of pre-fitted corners, each corner defined by two adjacent side drops permanently joined together along abutting ends thereof to cause the polymeric film to be fitted about the plurality of sides of the tabletop and hold the table cover on the tabletop; and

wherein the free edges of the plurality of side drops and the plurality of pre-fitted corners together define a generally polygonal contour having a shape and dimensions substantially identical to a shape and dimensions of the generally polygonal contour of the top cover; and

wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl.

2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (previously presented) The table cover of claim 1, wherein the two adjacent sides drops are joined by binding agents.
5. (previously presented) The table cover of claim 1, wherein the two adjacent sides drops are joined by sewing or application of heat.
6. (previously presented) The table cover of claim 1, wherein the table cover is a trade show tablecloth.
7. (cancelled)
8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) The table cover of claim 1, wherein the tabletop of predetermined size has a width of about 24 inches and a length selected from the group consisting of about 4 feet, about 6 feet and about 8 feet.

10. (previously presented) The table cover of claim 1, wherein the tabletop has a lip extending downwardly from the sides to define a thickness of the tabletop.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A table cover for covering a tradeshow table of predetermined size and having a top surface and a plurality of sides and a lip extending downwardly from the sides defining a thickness of the table, the table cover comprising:

a top cover formed of a polymeric film for covering the top surface of the tradeshow table, the top cover including a plurality of sides at its outer periphery thereof;

a plurality of side drops formed of the polymeric film, each of the side drops extending outwards from the respective one of the sides of the top cover, each

being folded generally orthogonal to the top cover to extend downwardly alongside the lip to a free edge;

a plurality of pre-fitted corners, each corner defined by two adjacent side drops permanently joined together along abutting ends thereof to cause the polymeric film to be fitted about the sides and lip of the table, and hold the table cover on the table; and

wherein the free edges of the plurality of side drops and the plurality of pre-fitted corners together define an outer periphery having a shape and dimensions substantially identical to a shape and dimensions of the outer periphery of the top cover; and

wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl.

14. (currently amended) A covered table for use in a trade show comprising:

a tabletop of pre-determined size and having a top surface and a plurality of sides; and

a table cover for covering the tabletop, the table cover formed of a polymeric film and comprising:

a top cover having a generally polygonal periphery with a plurality of sides;

a plurality of side drops, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the sides of the top cover and being folded generally orthogonal to the top cover to extend downwardly to a free edge,

a plurality of pre-fitted corners, each corner defined by two adjacent side drops permanently joined together along abutting ends thereof to cause the polymeric film to be fitted about the sides of the tabletop and to hold the table cover on the tabletop; and

wherein the free edges of the plurality of side drops and the plurality of pre-fitted corners together define a generally polygonal periphery having a shape and dimensions substantially identical to a shape and dimensions of the generally polygonal periphery of the top cover; and

wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl.

15. (original) The table of claim 14 further including a skirt attached around the sides of the tabletop on top of the fitted sides of the table cover.

16. (original) The table of claim 15, wherein the skirt is formed of fabric.

17. (original) The table of claim 16, wherein the skirt is attached to the sides of the tabletop by a plurality of staples, tacks, or pins.

18. (original) The table of claim 17, wherein the fabric skirt includes a reinforced band portion at an upper area thereof, and the skirt is attached to the tabletop by a plurality of staples, tacks, or pins applied at the reinforced band portion.

19. (previously presented) The table of claim 15, wherein the table cover is removable and disposable.

20. (currently amended) A method of making a table cover for covering a tabletop of pre-determined size and having a top surface and a plurality of sides, comprising:

providing a top cover formed of a polymeric film for covering the top surface of the tabletop, the top cover having a plurality of sides at its outer periphery and a plurality of side drops, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the sides of the top cover;

folding each of the plurality of sides generally orthogonal to the top cover to extend downwardly to a free edge;

joining together each two adjacent side drops permanently along abutting ends thereof to form a plurality of pre-fitted corners to cause polymeric film to be fitted about the plurality of sides of the tabletop and hold the table cover on the tabletop; and

wherein the free edges of the plurality of side drops and the plurality of pre-fitted corners together define an outer periphery having a shape and dimensions substantially identical to a shape and dimensions of the outer periphery of the top cover; and

wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of applying binding agents to each of the two adjacent side drops joined together in forming the pre-fitted corners.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of sewing together each of the two adjacent side drops joined together in forming the pre-fitted corners.

23. (currently amended) A method of placing a table cover over a tabletop of predetermined size and having a top surface and a plurality of sides, comprising:
providing a table cover formed of a polymeric film and having a top cover for covering the top surface of the tabletop, the top cover having a generally polygonal contour with a plurality of sides at its outer periphery thereof, a plurality of side drops, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the sides of the

top cover and being folded generally orthogonal to the top cover to extend downwardly to a free edge, and a plurality of pre-fitted corners, each corner defined by two adjacent side drops permanently joined together along abutting ends thereof to cause the polymeric film to be fitted about the plurality of sides of the tabletop and hold the table cover on the tabletop, wherein the free edges of the plurality of side drops and the plurality of pre-fitted corners together define a generally polygonal contour having a shape and dimensions substantially identical to a shape and dimensions of the generally polygonal contour of the top cover,
and wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl;

fitting at least two of the pre-fitted corners of the table cover onto corresponding corners of the tabletop;

pulling and extending the table cover across over opposite corners of the tabletop; and

fitting the rest of the pre-fitted corners of the table cover onto corresponding corners of the tabletop such that the trade show table is covered and ready for use.

24. (currently amended) A method of covering trade show tables each with a tabletop of predetermined size and having a top surface and a plurality of sides, the method comprising:

providing at least one table cover formed of a polymeric film and having a top cover for covering the top surface of the tabletop, the top cover having a generally polygonal contour with a plurality of sides at its outer periphery thereof, a plurality of side drops, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the sides of the top cover and being folded generally orthogonal to the top cover to extend downwardly to form a free edge, and a plurality of pre-formed corners, each corner defined by two adjacent side drops permanently joined together along abutting ends thereof to cause the polymeric film to be fitted about the plurality of sides of the tabletop and hold the table cover on the tabletop, wherein the free edges of the plurality of side drops and the plurality of pre-fitted corners together define a generally polygonal contour having a shape and dimensions substantially identical to a shape and dimensions of the generally polygonal contour of the top cover, and wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl;

fitting at least two of the pre-fitted corners of the table cover onto corresponding corners of the tabletop;

pulling and extending the table cover across over opposite corners of the tabletop;

fitting the rest of the pre-fitted corners of the table cover onto corresponding corners of the tabletop to hold the table cover on the trade show table;

providing at least one skirt, each formed of a fabric material and dimensioned to cover side areas of the respective table; and attaching the skirt around the tabletop on top of the fitted sides of the table cover of each respective trade show table.

25. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the attaching of the skirt is performed by applying a plurality of staples, tacks, or pins along the sides of the tabletop.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25 further comprising the steps of: detaching the fabric skirt and the plurality of staples, tacks, or pins attached to the fabric skirt; removing the fitted table cover from the tabletop; and disposing of the table cover.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising the step of applying a new table cover to each of the trade show tables.

28. (previously presented) The table cover of claim 10, wherein the thickness is about 2½ inches.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of applying heat to each of the two adjacent side drops joined together in forming the pre-fitted corners.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of removing and disposing of the table cover after use.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising the steps of:

removing and disposing of the table cover after use; and
placing a new table cover on the table top.

32. (new) A table cover for covering a generally rectangular table of pre-determined size comprising:

a top cover formed from a polymeric film having four edges defining a length and a width;
four sides formed from the polymeric film, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the edges of the top cover and bent down at an angle of about 90° from the top cover such that the four sides together define a length and a width that is substantially the same as the length and the width of the top cover,

and each of the four sides having a free edge opposite to a respective edge of the top cover and two edges orthogonal to the top surface; and

wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl.

33. (new) A table cover for covering a generally polygonal table of pre-determined size comprising:

a top cover formed from a polymeric film having edges defining a periphery having a shape and a size;

a plurality of sides formed from the polymeric film, each extending outwardly from a respective one of the edges of the top cover and bent down at an angle of about 90° from the top cover such that the plurality of sides together define a shape and a size that is substantially the same as the shape and the size of the periphery of the top cover, and each of the plurality of sides having a free edge opposite to a respective edge of the top cover and two edges orthogonal to the top surface; and

wherein the table cover is monolithic and consists essentially of a single piece of thin vinyl.